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Budget and Finance Committee tables water rights legislation, three more public hearings to take place

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On June 19, legislation 0230-12, regarding the water rights settlement, moved through the Budget and Finance Committee with a tabling action and will be considered at a special Resources and Development Committee meeting on June 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Council Delegate Jonathan Nez (Shonto, Navajo Mountain, Ojalto, Ts'ah Bii Kin) motioned to table the legislation stating, "How many chapters out there, by resolution, have said no? How many chapters out there have said yes to this Navajo-Hopi Water Rights Settlement? For us to make a judgment on that without that information is premature.

"The comments coming in are also not attached to the legislation as a formal record," Delegate Nez added. Delegate Nez felt that in order for the delegates to make an informed decision resolutions and comments needed to be attached to the legislation.

The motion to table the legislation was approved by the committee with a vote of four (4) supporting and one (1) opposing.

According to NNC Title 2, §164 (11), "A legislation that was tabled by a committee with final approval authority over the matter shall remain with the committee until removed from table status. A legislation that was tabled by a committee without final approval authority over the matter shall move forward to the subsequent assigned committee(s) or Navajo Nation Council."

The meetings below outline when and where legislation 0230-12 will be considered:

- Resources and Development Committee
When: Thursday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m.
Where: Budget and Finance Conference Room
- Naa'bik'iyati' Committee
When: Friday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Navajo Nation Council Chambers
- Navajo Nation Council Special Session
When: Wednesday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Navajo Nation Council Chambers

Also taking place on June 21 is the second of four hearings that were organized at the directive of the Naa'bi'iyati' Committee. The remaining three meetings are listed below:

- Pinon Chapter House – Thursday, June 21 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Dilkon Chapter House – Monday, June 25 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Leupp Chapter House – Tuesday, June 26 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

A certified Navajo interpreter and a recorder will be present at each public hearing. Public comments will continue to be accepted by email (comments@navajo-nsn.gov) until the Council makes a final vote on the legislation on June 27.

Community members are encouraged to attend the hearings, fill out comments forms, and submit the forms to legislative staff in attendance.

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